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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

**BLACKROCK SERVICES, INC., et
al.,**

Defendants.

Case No. 8:25-cv-00363-HDV-ADS

**STIPULATED PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTION**

1 Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), commenced this civil
2 action on February 24, 2025, pursuant to Sections 13(b) and 19 of the FTC Act, 15
3 U.S.C. §§ 53(b) and 57b, Section 814 of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692l(a), Section
4 5581(b)(5)(C)(ii) of the Consumer Financial Protection Act (“CFP Act”), 12
5 U.S.C. § 5581(b)(5)(C)(ii), and Section 522(a) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act
6 (“GLB Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 6822(a). On February 27, 2025, on motion by the FTC,
7 the Court entered an *ex parte* temporary restraining order with asset freeze,
8 appointment of a receiver, and other equitable relief against Defendants.

9 The FTC, Defendants, and the Court-appointed Receiver, by and through
10 their undersigned counsel, have stipulated and agreed to the entry of this
11 preliminary injunction (“Order”). A proposed order has been filed herewith.
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13 FINDINGS OF FACT

14 By stipulation of the parties, the Court finds as follows:

- 15 A. The FTC and Defendants have stipulated and agreed to the entry of this Order
16 without any admission of wrongdoing or violation of law, and without a finding
17 by the Court of law or fact other than stated below.
- 18 B. Defendants waive all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or
19 contest the validity of this Order.
- 20 C. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case, and there is
21 good cause to believe that it will have jurisdiction over all parties hereto and
22 that venue in this District is proper.
- 23 D. The FTC asserts that there is good cause to believe that Defendants have
24 engaged in and are likely to engage in acts or practices that violate Section 5(a)
25 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 45(a), the Fair
26 Debt Collection Practices Act (“FDCPA”), 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692-1692p, and its
27 associated Regulation F, 12 C.F.R. Part 1006, Section 521 of the Gramm-
28 Leach-Bliley Act (“GLB Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 6821, and the FTC’s Trade

1 Regulation Rule on Impersonation of Government and Businesses

2 (“Impersonation Rule”), 16 C.F.R. Part 461, and that the FTC is therefore likely
3 to prevail on the merits of the action.

4 E. The FTC asserts that there is good cause to believe that immediate and
5 irreparable harm will result from Defendants’ ongoing violations of the FTC
6 Act, the FDCPA, Regulation F, the GLB Act, and the Impersonation Rule
7 unless Defendants are restrained and enjoined by order of this Court.

8 F. The FTC asserts that good cause exists for continuing the receivership over the
9 Receivership Entities and the freeze over Defendants’ assets.

10 G. Entry of this Order is in the public interest.

11 H. This Court has authority to issue this Order pursuant to Section 13(b) of the
12 FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 53(b); Fed. R. Civ. P. 65; and the All Writs Act, 28
13 U.S.C. § 1651.

14 I. No security is required of any agency of the United States for issuance of a
15 temporary restraining order. Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(c).

16 DEFINITIONS

17 For purposes of this Order, the following definitions shall apply:

18 A. “**Asset**” means any legal or equitable interest in, right to, or claim to, any
19 property, wherever located and by whomever held.

20 B. “**Consumer**” means a natural person, an organization or other legal entity,
21 including a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, limited liability
22 company, association, cooperative, or any other group or combination acting
23 as an entity.

24 C. “**Corporate Defendant(s)**” means Blackrock Services, Inc., Liberty Credit
25 Management, Inc., Civil Complaint Administration, Pacific Billing Solutions,
26 and Cornerstone Legal Group, LLC, and each of their d/b/a’s, subsidiaries,
27 affiliates, successors, and assigns.
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1 D. **“Debt”** means any obligation or alleged obligation to pay money arising out of
2 a transaction, whether or not such obligation has been reduced to judgment.

3 E. **“Debt Collection Activity”** means any activity of a Debt Collector to collect or
4 attempt to collect, directly or indirectly, a Debt owed or due, asserted to be
5 owed or due.

6 F. **“Debt Collector”** means any Person who uses any instrumentality of interstate
7 commerce or the mail in any business the principal purpose of which is the
8 collection of Debts, or who regularly collects or attempts to collect, directly or
9 indirectly, Debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another. The term
10 also includes any creditor who, in the process of collecting its own Debts, uses
11 any name other than its own which would indicate that a third Person is
12 collecting or attempting to collect such Debts. The term also includes any
13 Person to the extent such Person collects or attempts to collect any Debt that
14 was in default at the time it was obtained by such Person.

15 G. **“Defendants”** means Corporate Defendants and Individual Defendants,
16 individually, collectively, or in any combination.

17 H. **“Document”** is synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of
18 “document” and “electronically stored information” in Federal Rule of Civil
19 Procedure 34(a), Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a), and includes writings, drawings, graphs,
20 charts, photographs, sound and video recordings, images, Internet sites, web
21 pages, websites, electronic correspondence, including e-mail and instant
22 messages, contracts, accounting data, advertisements, FTP Logs, Server Access
23 Logs, books, written or printed records, handwritten notes, telephone logs,
24 telephone scripts, transcripts of calls, receipt books, ledgers, personal and
25 business canceled checks and check registers, bank statements, appointment
26 books, computer records, customer or sales databases and any other
27 electronically stored information, including documents located on remote
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1 servers or cloud computing systems, and other data or data compilations from
2 which information can be obtained directly or, if necessary, after translation
3 into a reasonably usable form. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate
4 document within the meaning of the term.

5 I. **“Electronic Data Host”** means any person or entity in the business of storing,
6 hosting, or otherwise maintaining electronically stored information. This
7 includes, but is not limited to, any entity hosting a website or server, and any
8 entity providing “cloud based” electronic storage.

9 J. **“Individual Defendants”** means Ryan Evans and Mitchell Evans.

10 K. **“Receiver”** means the receiver appointed in Section XII of this Order and any
11 deputy receivers that shall be named by the receiver.

12 L. **“Receivership Entities”** means Corporate Defendants as well as any other
13 entity that has conducted any business related to Defendants’ debt collection
14 activities or related business activities, including receipt of Assets derived
15 from any activity that is the subject of the Complaint in this matter, and that the
16 Receiver determines is controlled or owned by any Defendant.
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ORDER

**I. PROHIBITED CONDUCT IN CONNECTION WITH DEBT
COLLECTION ACTIVITIES**

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, whether acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promoting, or offering for sale of any goods or services, are temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

A. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or indirectly, expressly or by implication:

- a. That any Consumer is delinquent on a loan, credit card, or other Debt or related amount;
- b. That any Consumer has a legal obligation to pay any Defendant or any other person;
- c. That nonpayment of a Debt will result in a Consumer's arrest, criminal prosecution, criminal conviction, or imprisonment;
- d. That nonpayment of a Debt will result in civil litigation against a Consumer, or in the seizure, garnishment, or attachment of a Consumer's property or wages;
- e. That any Defendant or any other person has taken, intends to take, or has authority to take formal legal action against a Consumer who fails to pay any Debt;
- f. That Consumer's outstanding debt has been reported to the credit bureaus, or that Defendants will have Consumers' outstanding debt deleted from the Consumer's credit bureau report; or
- g. The character, amount, or legal status of a Debt;

- 1 B. Threatening to take any action that is not lawful or that any Defendant or
2 any other person does not intend to take;
- 3 C. Using any false representation or deceptive means to collect or attempt to
4 collect a Debt or to obtain information concerning a Consumer;
- 5 D. Failing to disclose or disclose adequately (1) in the initial communication
6 with a Consumer that any Defendant or any other person is a debt
7 collector attempting to collect a Debt and that any information obtained
8 will be used for that purpose, or (2) in subsequent communications with
9 Consumers that any Defendant or any other person is a debt collector;
- 10 E. Placing telephone calls without meaningful disclosure of the caller's
11 identity;
- 12 F. Using business, company, or organization names other than the true name
13 of Defendants' business;
- 14 G. Failing to provide Consumers, within five days after the initial
15 communication with Consumers, a written notice containing (1) the
16 amount of the Debt; (2) the name of the creditor to whom the Debt is
17 owed; (3) a statement that unless the Consumer, within thirty days after
18 receipt of the notice, disputes the validity of the Debt, or any portion
19 thereof, the Debt will be assumed to be valid by Defendants; (4) a
20 statement that if the Consumer notifies Defendants in writing within the
21 thirty-day period that the Debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed,
22 Defendants will obtain verification of the Debt or a copy of a judgment
23 against the Consumer and a copy of such verification or judgment will be
24 mailed to the Consumer by Defendants; and (5) a statement that, upon the
25 Consumer's written request within the thirty-day period, Defendants will
26 provide the Consumer with the name and address of the original creditor,
27 if different from the current creditor; and
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1 H. Making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations to
2 customers of financial institutions to obtain or attempt to obtain customer
3 information of a financial institution, such as credit or debit card numbers
4 or bank account and routing numbers.

5 **II. PROHIBITED CONDUCT IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER**
6 **GOODS AND SERVICES**

7 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
8 agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or
9 participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether
10 acting directly or indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing,
11 promoting, or offering for sale of any goods or services, are temporarily restrained
12 and enjoined from:

13 A. Misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, directly or
14 indirectly, expressly or by implication, any fact material to Consumers
15 concerning such good or service, such as any benefit of such good or
16 service; the existence, amount, or timing of any fee or charge, or the total
17 cost to purchase, receive, or use such good or service; any material
18 restrictions, limitations, or conditions to purchase, receive, or use such
19 good or service; or any material aspect of the performance, efficacy,
20 nature, or central characteristic of such product or service; and

21 B. Making or assisting others in making false, fictitious, or fraudulent
22 statements or representations to customers of financial institutions to
23 obtain or attempt to obtain customer information of a financial
24 institution, such as credit or debit card numbers or bank account and
25 routing numbers.
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1 **III. PROHIBITION ON RELEASE OF CUSTOMER**
2 **INFORMATION**

3 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
4 agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or
5 participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether
6 acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

- 7 A. Selling, renting, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disclosing the name,
8 address, birth date, telephone number, email address, credit card number,
9 bank account number, Social Security number, or other financial or
10 identifying information of any person that any Defendant obtained in
11 connection with any activity that pertains to the subject matter of this
12 Order; and
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14 B. Benefitting from or using the name, address, birth date, telephone
15 number, email address, credit card number, bank account number, Social
16 Security number, or other financial or identifying information of any
17 person that any Defendant obtained in connection with any activity that
18 pertains to the subject matter of this Order.
19 C. *Provided, however,* that Defendants may disclose such identifying
20 information to a law enforcement agency; to their attorneys, as required
21 for their defense, as required by any law, regulation, or court order; or in
22 any filings, pleadings, or discovery in this action in the manner required
23 by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and by any protective order in
24 the case.

25 **IV. ASSET FREEZE**

26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, except as set forth in Section IV.F and
27 IV.G, and until further order of this Court, Defendants, Defendants' officers,
28 agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or

1 participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether
2 acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

3 A. Transferring, liquidating, converting, encumbering, pledging, loaning,
4 selling, concealing, dissipating, disbursing, assigning, relinquishing,
5 spending, withdrawing, granting a lien or security interest or other
6 interest in, or otherwise disposing of any Assets that are:

- 7 1. owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Defendant;
8 2. held, in part or in whole, for the benefit of any Defendant;
9 3. in the actual or constructive possession of any Defendant; or
10 4. owned or controlled by, in the actual or constructive possession of, or
11 otherwise held for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset
12 protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned,
13 managed or controlled by any Defendant.

14 B. Opening or causing to be opened any safe deposit boxes, commercial
15 mail boxes, or storage facilities titled in the name of any Defendant or
16 subject to access by any Defendant, except as necessary to comply with
17 written requests from the Receiver acting pursuant to its authority under
18 this Order;

19 C. Incurring charges or cash advances on any credit, debit, or ATM card
20 issued in the name, individually or jointly, of any Corporate Defendant or
21 any corporation, partnership, or other entity directly or indirectly owned,
22 managed, or controlled by any Defendant or of which any Defendant is
23 an officer, director, member, or manager. This includes any corporate
24 bankcard or corporate credit card account for which any Defendant is, or
25 was on the date that this Order was signed, an authorized signor; or

26 D. Cashing any checks or depositing any money orders or cash received
27 from Consumers, clients, or customers of any Defendant.
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1 E. The Assets affected by this Section shall include: (1) all Assets of
2 Defendants as of the time this Order is entered; and (2) Assets obtained
3 by Defendants after this Order is entered if those Assets are derived from
4 any activity that is the subject of the Complaint in this matter or that is
5 prohibited by this Order. This Section does not prohibit any transfers to
6 the Receiver or repatriation of foreign Assets specifically required by this
7 order.

8 F. Individual Defendant may retain and spend income received from
9 employment unrelated to Debt Collection Activities performed after the
10 date of entry of this order. Within five (5) business days upon deposit of
11 any such funds, and prior to the withdrawal of any such funds, Individual
12 Defendants shall identify to the FTC's counsel and the Receiver all
13 deposits of income received from employment unrelated to Debt
14 Collection Activities performed after the date of entry of this Order, the
15 amount and source of the income, and the identity of the employer.
16 Individual Defendants shall also provide the FTC and the Receiver
17 documentation (*e.g.*, a pay stub) evidencing the source and nature of such
18 deposit. The Receiver may request that Individual Defendants provide
19 additional documentation concerning the source and nature of the
20 proposed deposit as he deems necessary. The Receiver may object to any
21 proposed deposit of this income within three (3) business days of
22 identification and provision of documentation upon a determination that
23 the funds violate any provision of this Order, including a determination
24 that the funds relate to Debt Collection Activities. Upon the Receiver's
25 objection, the funds must be transferred into an account of the Individual
26 Defendant which is subject to the asset freeze imposed by Section IV of
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1 this Order. Individual Defendant shall cooperate with the Receiver in the
2 same manner as set forth in Section XVI of this Order.

3 G. Individual Defendants may retain and spend Assets required by loan or
4 gift after the date of entry of this Order only after identifying such Assets
5 to FTC counsel. This sub-section shall not apply to loans or gifts valued
6 at less than \$500.

7 **V. DUTIES OF ASSET HOLDERS AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES**

8 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any financial or brokerage institution,
9 Electronic Data Host, credit card processor, payment processor, merchant bank,
10 acquiring bank, independent sales organization, third party processor, payment
11 gateway, insurance company, business entity, or person who receives actual notice
12 of this Order (by service or otherwise) that (a) has held, controlled, or maintained
13 custody, through an account or otherwise, of any Document on behalf of any
14 Defendant or any Asset that has been owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by
15 any Defendant; held, in part or in whole, for the benefit of any Defendant; in the
16 actual or constructive possession of any Defendant; or owned or controlled by, in
17 the actual or constructive possession of, or otherwise held for the benefit of, any
18 corporation, partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or
19 indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant; (b) has held,
20 controlled, or maintained custody, through an account or otherwise, of any
21 Document or Asset associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of
22 any Defendant, including reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card
23 processors, merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations,
24 third party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;
25 or (c) has extended credit to any Defendant, including through a credit card
26 account, shall:
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28 A. Hold, preserve, and retain within its control and prohibit the withdrawal,

1 removal, alteration, assignment, transfer, pledge, encumbrance,
2 disbursement, dissipation, relinquishment, conversion, sale, or other
3 disposal of any such Document or Asset, as well as all Documents or
4 other property related to such Assets, except by further order of this
5 Court or, with respect to any Document or Asset owned by, held in the
6 name of, for the benefit of, or otherwise controlled by any Receivership
7 Entity, as directed in writing by the Receiver; *provided, however*, that
8 this provision does not prohibit an Individual Defendant from incurring
9 charges on a personal credit card established prior to entry of this Order,
10 up to the pre-existing credit limit;

11 B. Deny any person, except the Receiver, access to any safe deposit box,
12 commercial mail box, or storage facility that is titled in the name of any
13 Defendant, either individually or jointly, or otherwise subject to access
14 by any Defendant;

15 C. Provide the FTC's counsel and the Receiver, within three (3) days of
16 receiving a copy of this Order, a sworn statement setting forth, for each
17 Asset or account covered by this Section:

- 18 1. The identification number of each such account or Asset;
- 19 2. The balance of each such account, or a description of the nature and
20 value of each such Asset, as of the close of business on the day that
21 this Order is served, and, if the account or other Asset has been closed
22 or removed, the date closed or removed, the total funds removed in
23 order to close the account, and the name of the person or entity to
24 whom such account or other Asset was remitted; and
- 25 3. The identification of any safe deposit box, commercial mailbox, or
26 storage facility that is either titled in the name, individually or jointly,
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1 of any Defendant, or is otherwise subject to access by any Defendant;
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3 D. Upon the request of FTC counsel or the Receiver, promptly provide FTC
4 counsel and the Receiver with copies of all records or other Documents
5 pertaining to any account or Asset covered by this Section, including
6 originals or copies of account applications, account statements, signature
7 cards, checks, drafts, deposit tickets, transfers to and from the accounts
8 (including wire transfers and wire transfer instructions), all other debit
9 and credit instruments or slips, currency transaction reports, 1099 forms,
10 and all logs and records pertaining to safe deposit boxes, commercial
11 mail boxes, and storage facilities.

12 E. *Provided, however*, that a third party does not have to provide the
13 information required in sub-sections C and D if (1) such third party has
14 complied with the similar provision set forth in the TRO and (2) the
15 information provided has not changed.

16 F. *Provided, however*, that this Section does not prohibit any transfers to the
17 Receiver or repatriation of foreign Assets specifically required by this
18 Order.
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20 VI. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each Defendant, within five (5) days of
22 service of this Order upon them, shall prepare and deliver to FTC counsel and the
23 Receiver:

24 A. Completed financial statements on the forms attached to this Order as
25 **Attachment A** (Financial Statement of Individual Defendant) for each
26 Individual Defendant, and **Attachment B** (Financial Statement of
27 Corporate Defendant) for each Corporate Defendant; and

28 B. Completed **Attachment C** (IRS Form 4506, Request for Copy of a Tax

1 Return) for each Defendant.

2 C. *Provided, however*, that Defendants does not have to provide such
3 financial reports if (1) they have complied with the similar provision set
4 forth in the TRO and (2) the information provided has not changed.

5 **VII. FOREIGN ASSET REPATRIATION**

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within five (5) days of service of this
7 Order upon them, each Defendant shall:

8 A. Provide FTC counsel with a full accounting, verified under oath and
9 accurate as of the date of this Order, of all Assets, Documents, and
10 accounts outside of the United States that are: (1) titled in the name,
11 individually or jointly, of any Defendant; (2) held by any person or entity
12 for the benefit of any Defendant or for the benefit of, any corporation,
13 partnership, asset protection trust, or other entity that is directly or
14 indirectly owned, managed or controlled by any Defendant; or (3) under
15 the direct or indirect control, whether jointly or singly, of any Defendant;

16 B. Take all steps necessary to provide FTC counsel and Receiver access to
17 all Documents and records that may be held by third parties located
18 outside of the territorial United States of America, including signing the
19 Consent to Release of Financial Records appended to this Order as
20 **Attachment D**;

21 C. Transfer to the territory of the United States all Documents and Assets
22 located in foreign countries that are: (1) titled in the name, individually or
23 jointly, of any Defendant; (2) held by any person or entity for the benefit
24 of any Defendant or for the benefit of, any corporation, partnership, asset
25 protection trust, or other entity that is directly or indirectly owned,
26 managed or controlled by any Defendant; or (3) under the direct or
27 indirect control, whether jointly or singly, of any Defendant; and
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1 D. The same business day as any repatriation, (1) notify the Receiver and
2 FTC counsel of the name and location of the financial institution or other
3 entity that is the recipient of such Documents or Assets; and (2) serve this
4 Order on any such financial institution or other entity.

5 **VIII. NON-INTERFERENCE WITH REPATRIATION**

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
7 agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or
8 participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether
9 acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from
10 taking any action, directly or indirectly, which may result in the encumbrance or
11 dissipation of foreign Assets, or in the hindrance of the repatriation required by this
12 Order, including, but not limited to:

13 A. Sending any communication or engaging in any other act, directly or
14 indirectly, that results in a determination by a foreign trustee or other
15 entity that a "duress" event has occurred under the terms of a foreign
16 trust agreement until such time that all Defendants' Assets have been
17 fully repatriated pursuant to this Order; and

18 B. Notifying any trustee, protector or other agent of any foreign trust or
19 other related entities of either the existence of this Order, or of the fact
20 that repatriation is required pursuant to a court order, until such time that
21 all Defendants' Assets have been fully repatriated pursuant to this Order.

22 **IX. CONSUMER CREDIT REPORTS**

23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the FTC may obtain credit reports
24 concerning any Defendants pursuant to Section 604(a)(1) of the Fair Credit
25 Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(a)(1), and that, upon written request, any credit
26 reporting agency from which such reports are requested shall provide them to the
27 FTC.
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1 **X. PRESERVATION OF RECORDS**

2 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
3 agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or
4 participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether
5 acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from:

6 A. Destroying, erasing, falsifying, writing over, mutilating, concealing,
7 altering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, directly
8 or indirectly, Documents that relate to: (1) the business, business
9 practices, Assets, or business or personal finances of any Defendant; (2)
10 the business practices or finances of entities directly or indirectly under
11 the control of any Defendant; or (3) the business practices or finances of
12 entities directly or indirectly under common control with any other
13 Defendant; and

14 B. Failing to create and maintain Documents that, in reasonable detail,
15 accurately, fairly, and completely reflect Defendants' incomes,
16 disbursements, transactions, and use of Defendants' Assets.

17 **XI. REPORT OF NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITY**

18 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
19 agents, employees, and attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or
20 participation with any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether
21 acting directly or indirectly, are hereby temporarily restrained and enjoined from
22 creating, operating, or exercising any control over any business entity, whether
23 newly formed or previously inactive, including any partnership, limited
24 partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, or corporation, without first
25 providing FTC counsel and the Receiver with a written statement disclosing: (1)
26 the name of the business entity; (2) the address and telephone number of the
27 business entity; (3) the names of the business entity's officers, directors, principals,
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1 managers, and employees; and (4) a detailed description of the business entity's
2 intended activities.

3 **XII. CONTINUATION OF RECEIVERSHIP**

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Thomas McNamara shall continue as
5 receiver of the Receivership Entities with full powers of an equity receiver. The
6 Receiver shall be solely the agent of this Court in acting as Receiver under this
7 Order.

8 **XIII. DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF RECEIVER**

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver is directed and authorized
10 to accomplish the following:

- 11 A. Assume full control of Receivership Entities by removing, as the
12 Receiver deems necessary or advisable, any director, officer, independent
13 contractor, employee, attorney, or agent of any Receivership Entity from
14 control of, management of, or participation in, the affairs of the
15 Receivership Entity;
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17 B. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all Assets and
18 Documents of, or in the possession, custody, or under the control of, any
19 Receivership Entity, wherever situated;
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21 C. Take exclusive custody, control, and possession of all Documents or
22 Assets associated with credits, debits, or charges made on behalf of any
23 Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including reserve funds held by
24 payment processors, credit card processors, merchant banks, acquiring
25 banks, independent sales organizations, third party processors, payment
26 gateways, insurance companies, or other entities;
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28 D. Conserve, hold, manage, and prevent the loss of all Assets of the
Receivership Entities, and perform all acts necessary or advisable to
preserve the value of those Assets. The Receiver shall assume control

1 over the income and profits therefrom and all sums of money now or
2 hereafter due or owing to the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall
3 have full power to sue for, collect, and receive all Assets of the
4 Receivership Entities and of other persons or entities whose interests are
5 now under the direction, possession, custody, or control of the
6 Receivership Entities. *Provided, however,* that the Receiver shall not
7 attempt to collect any amount from a Consumer if the Receiver believes
8 the Consumer's debt to the Receivership Entities has resulted from the
9 deceptive acts or practices or other violations of law alleged in the
10 Complaint in this matter, without prior Court approval;

11 E. Obtain, conserve, hold, manage, and prevent the loss of all Documents of
12 the Receivership Entities, and perform all acts necessary or advisable to
13 preserve such Documents. The Receiver shall: divert mail; preserve all
14 Documents of the Receivership Entities that are accessible via electronic
15 means (such as online access to financial accounts and access to
16 electronic documents held onsite or by Electronic Data Hosts, by
17 changing usernames, passwords or other log-in credentials); take
18 possession of all electronic Documents of the Receivership Entities
19 stored onsite or remotely; take whatever steps necessary to preserve all
20 such Documents; and obtain the assistance of the FTC's Digital Forensic
21 Unit for the purpose of obtaining electronic documents stored onsite or
22 remotely;
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24 F. Choose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and other
25 independent contractors and technical specialists, as the Receiver deems
26 advisable or necessary in the performance of duties and responsibilities
27 under the authority granted by this Order;

28 G. Make payments and disbursements from the receivership estate that are

1 necessary or advisable for carrying out the directions of, or exercising the
2 authority granted by, this Order, and to incur, or authorize the making of,
3 such agreements as may be necessary and advisable in discharging his or
4 her duties as Receiver. The Receiver shall apply to the Court for prior
5 approval of any payment of any debt or obligation incurred by the
6 Receivership Entities prior to the date of entry of this Order, except
7 payments that the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to secure
8 Assets of the Receivership Entities, such as rental payments;

9 H. Take all steps necessary to secure and take exclusive custody of each
10 location from which the Receivership Entities operate their businesses.
11 Such steps may include, but are not limited to, any of the following, as
12 the Receiver deems necessary or advisable: (1) securing the location by
13 changing the locks and alarm codes and disconnecting any internet access
14 or other means of access to the computers, servers, internal networks, or
15 other records maintained at that location; and (2) requiring any persons
16 present at the location to leave the premises, to provide the Receiver with
17 proof of identification, or to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the
18 Receiver that such persons are not removing from the premises
19 Documents or Assets of the Receivership Entities. Law enforcement
20 personnel, including, but not limited to, police or sheriffs, may assist the
21 Receiver in implementing these provisions in order to keep the peace and
22 maintain security. If requested by the Receiver, the United States
23 Marshal will provide appropriate and necessary assistance to the
24 Receiver to implement this Order and is authorized to use any necessary
25 and reasonable force to do so;

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27 I. Take all steps necessary to prevent the modification, destruction, or
28 erasure of any web page or website registered to and operated, in whole

- 1 or in part, by any Defendants, and to provide access to all such web page
2 or websites to the FTC's representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as
3 Defendants and their representatives;
- 4 J. Enter into and cancel contracts and purchase insurance as advisable or
5 necessary;
- 6 K. Prevent the inequitable distribution of Assets and determine, adjust, and
7 protect the interests of Consumers who have transacted business with the
8 Receivership Entities;
- 9 L. Make an accounting, as soon as practicable, of the Assets and financial
10 condition of the receivership and file the accounting with the Court and
11 deliver copies thereof to all parties;
- 12 M. Institute, compromise, adjust, appear in, intervene in, defend, dispose of,
13 or otherwise become party to any legal action in state, federal or foreign
14 courts or arbitration proceedings as the Receiver deems necessary and
15 advisable to preserve or recover the Assets of the Receivership Entities,
16 or to carry out the Receiver's mandate under this Order, including, but
17 not limited to, actions challenging fraudulent or voidable transfers;
- 18 N. Issue subpoenas to obtain Documents and records pertaining to the
19 Receivership, and conduct discovery in this action on behalf of the
20 receivership estate, in addition to obtaining other discovery as set forth in
21 this Order;
- 22 O. Open one or more bank accounts at designated depositories for funds of
23 the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall deposit all funds of the
24 Receivership Entities in such designated accounts and shall make all
25 payments and disbursements from the receivership estate from such
26 accounts. The Receiver shall serve copies of monthly account statements
27 on all parties;
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1 P. Maintain accurate records of all receipts and expenditures incurred as
2 Receiver;

3 Q. Allow the FTC's representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as
4 Defendants' representatives and Defendants themselves, reasonable
5 access to the premises of the Receivership Entities, or any other premises
6 where the Receivership Entities conduct business. The purpose of this
7 access shall be to inspect and copy any and all books, records,
8 Documents, accounts, and other property owned by, or in the possession
9 of, the Receivership Entities or their agents. The Receiver shall have the
10 discretion to determine the time, manner, and reasonable conditions of
11 such access.

12 R. Allow the FTC's representatives, agents, and assistants, as well as
13 Defendants and their representatives reasonable access to all Documents
14 in the possession, custody, or control of the Receivership Entities;

15 S. Cooperate with reasonable requests for information or assistance from
16 any state or federal civil or criminal law enforcement agency;

17 T. Suspend business operations of the Receivership Entities if in the
18 judgment of the Receiver such operations cannot be continued legally
19 and profitably;

20 U. If the Receiver identifies a nonparty entity as a Receivership Entity,
21 promptly notify the entity as well as the parties, and inform the entity that
22 it can challenge the Receiver's determination by filing a motion with the
23 Court. *Provided, however,* that the Receiver may delay providing such
24 notice until the Receiver has established control of the nonparty entity
25 and its assets and records, if the Receiver determines that notice to the
26 entity or the parties before the Receiver establishes control over the entity
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1 may result in the destruction of records, dissipation of assets, or any other
2 obstruction of the Receiver's control of the entity;

3 V. If in the Receiver's judgment the business operations cannot be continued
4 legally and profitably, take all steps necessary to ensure that any of the
5 Receivership Entities' web pages or websites relating to the activities
6 alleged in the Complaint cannot be accessed by the public, or are
7 modified for consumer education and/or informational purposes, and take
8 all steps necessary to ensure that any telephone numbers associated with
9 the Receivership Entities cannot be accessed by the public, or are
10 answered solely to provide consumer education or information regarding
11 the status of operations; and

12 W. If the Receiver makes the good faith determination that the business of
13 the Receivership Entities cannot be lawfully operated at a profit, the
14 Receiver is directed and authorized to wind up the business affairs of the
15 Receivership Entities, including, where appropriate, liquidating all assets.
16 The Receiver may take any necessary measures to preserve the assets of
17 the receivership estate, including the sale of property and the termination
18 of contracts, including but limited to leases of business premises.

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20 **XIV. TRANSFER OF RECEIVERSHIP PROPERTY TO RECEIVER**

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants and any other person, with
22 possession, custody or control of property of, or records relating to, the
23 Receivership Entities shall, upon notice of this Order by personal service or
24 otherwise, fully cooperate with and assist the Receiver in taking and maintaining
25 possession, custody, or control of the Assets and Documents of the Receivership
26 Entities and immediately transfer or deliver to the Receiver possession, custody,
27 and control of, the following:

28 A. All Assets held by or for the benefit of the Receivership Entities;

1 B. All Documents or Assets associated with credits, debits, or charges made
2 on behalf of any Receivership Entity, wherever situated, including
3 reserve funds held by payment processors, credit card processors,
4 merchant banks, acquiring banks, independent sales organizations, third
5 party processors, payment gateways, insurance companies, or other
6 entities;

7 C. All Documents of, or pertaining to, the Receivership Entities;

8 D. All computers, electronic devices, mobile devices and machines used to
9 conduct the business of the Receivership Entities;

10 E. All Assets and Documents belonging to other persons or entities whose
11 interests are under the direction, possession, custody, or control of the
12 Receivership Entities; and

13 F. All keys, codes, user names and passwords necessary to gain or to secure
14 access to any Assets or Documents of, or pertaining to, the Receivership
15 Entities, including access to their business premises, means of
16 communication, accounts, computer systems (onsite and remote),
17 Electronic Data Hosts, or other property.
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19 In the event that any person or entity fails to deliver or transfer any Asset or
20 Document, or otherwise fails to comply with any provision of this Section, the
21 Receiver may file an Affidavit of Non-Compliance regarding the failure and a
22 motion seeking compliance or a contempt citation.

23 **XV. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE RECEIVER**

24 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants shall immediately provide
25 to the Receiver:

26 A. A list of all Assets and accounts of the Receivership Entities that are held
27 in any name other than the name of a Receivership Entity, or by any
28 person or entity other than a Receivership Entity;

1 B. A list of all agents, employees, officers, attorneys, servants and those
2 persons in active concert and participation with the Receivership Entities,
3 or who have been associated or done business with the Receivership
4 Entities; and

5 C. A description of any documents covered by attorney-client privilege or
6 attorney work product, including files where such documents are likely to
7 be located, authors or recipients of such documents, and search terms
8 likely to identify such electronic documents.

9 D. *Provided, however*, that Defendants does not have to provide such
10 information if (1) they have complied with the similar provision set forth
11 in the TRO and (2) the information provided has not changed.

12 **XVI. COOPERATION WITH THE RECEIVER**

13 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants; Receivership Entities;
14 Defendants' or Receivership Entities' officers, agents, employees, and attorneys,
15 all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, and any other
16 person with possession, custody, or control of property of, or records relating to,
17 the Receivership entities who receive actual notice of this Order shall fully
18 cooperate with and assist the Receiver. This cooperation and assistance shall
19 include, but is not limited to:
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21 A. Providing information to the Receiver that the Receiver deems necessary
22 to exercise the authority and discharge the responsibilities of the Receiver
23 under this Order;

24 B. Providing any keys, codes, user names and passwords required to access
25 any computers, electronic devices, mobile devices, and machines (onsite
26 or remotely), and any cloud account (including the specific method to
27 access such account) or electronic file in any medium;

28 C. Transferring the Receivership Entities' domain names to the Receiver's

control, including but not limited to: blgme.com, blghome.com, blackrocklegal.net, blackrockinfo.com, eblackrock.com, blackrocklg.com, blackrocklogin.com, 4blackrock.com, toblackrock.com, “iblackrock.net, 2blackrock.com, blackrock2.com, blackrock100.com, brlg.net, blackrockservices.net, blackwaterinfo.com, blackwaterlg.com, blhelp.com, blackrock911.com, toblg.comcivilcomplaint.net, civilcomplaints.net, civilcomplaint.org, 1clg.com, icornerstone.net, ucornerstone.com, cornerstone911.com, cornerstonelg.com, cornerstone100.com, joincornerstone.com, blackrockservices.net, heritagedocs.com, firstamericanbilling.com, firstnationalbilling.com, pacificbilling.com, pacificbilling.org, pacificbillings.com, pacificlegal.net, pacific-legal.com, pacificbillingsolutions.com, pacificlaw.net, pacific-legal.com, pacific-billing.com coastbilling.com, frontierbilling.com, pacbilling.com, progressivelg.com, cherrywoodbilling.com, northwestbilling.com, acornbilling.com, aegisdocs.com, heritage-legal.com, toheritage.com, centurybilling.net, centurylaw.net, clgcollections.com, lauriebrows.com, aegislg.com, aegishelp.com, aegislegalgroup.com, Libertycredit.net, blackstoneinfo.com, blackstonelegalgroup.com, blghelp.com and blackrocklegal.net;

D. Advising all persons who owe money to any Receivership Entity that all debts should be paid directly to the Receiver; and

E. Transferring funds at the Receiver’s direction and producing records related to the Assets and sales of the Receivership Entities.

XVII. NON-INTERFERENCE WITH THE RECEIVER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendants; Receivership Entities; Defendants’ or Receivership Entities’ officers, agents, employees, attorneys, and

1 all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who receive
2 actual notice of this Order, and any other person served with a copy of this Order,
3 are hereby restrained and enjoined from directly or indirectly:

- 4 A. Interfering with the Receiver's efforts to manage, or take custody,
5 control, or possession of, the Assets or Documents subject to the
6 receivership;
7 B. Transacting any of the business of the Receivership Entities;
8 C. Transferring, receiving, altering, selling, encumbering, pledging,
9 assigning, liquidating, or otherwise disposing of any Assets owned,
10 controlled, or in the possession or custody of, or in which an interest is
11 held or claimed by, the Receivership Entities; or
12 D. Refusing to cooperate with the Receiver or the Receiver's duly
13 authorized agents in the exercise of their duties or authority under any
14 order of this Court.
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16 XVIII. STAY OF ACTIONS

17 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- 18 A. Except by leave of this Court, during the pendency of the receivership
19 ordered herein, Defendants, Defendants' officers, agents, employees,
20 attorneys, and all other persons in active concert or participation with any
21 of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, and their corporations,
22 subsidiaries, divisions, or affiliates, and all investors, creditors,
23 stockholders, lessors, customers, and other persons seeking to establish or
24 enforce any claim, right, or interest against or on behalf of Defendants,
25 and all others acting for or on behalf of such persons, are hereby enjoined
26 from taking action that would interfere with the exclusive jurisdiction of
27 this Court over the Assets or Documents of the Receivership Entities,
28 including, but not limited to:

- 1 1. Filing or assisting in the filing of a petition for relief under the
2 Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., or of any similar
3 insolvency proceeding on behalf of the Receivership Entities;
- 4 2. Commencing, prosecuting, or continuing a judicial, administrative, or
5 other action or proceeding against the Receivership Entities, including
6 the issuance or employment of process against the Receivership
7 Entities, except that such actions may be commenced if necessary to
8 toll any applicable statute of limitations; or
- 9 3. Filing or enforcing any lien on any asset of the Receivership Entities;
10 taking or attempting to take possession, custody, or control of any
11 Asset of the Receivership Entities; or attempting to foreclose, forfeit,
12 alter, or terminate any interest in any Asset of the Receivership
13 Entities, whether such acts are part of a judicial proceeding, are acts of
14 self-help, or otherwise; and

15 B. The Receiver and his agents acting within the scope of such agency
16 (“Retained Personnel”) are entitled to rely on all outstanding rules of law
17 and orders of this Court and shall not be liable to anyone for their own
18 good faith compliance with any order, rule, law, judgment, or decree. In
19 no event shall the Receiver or any Retained Personnel be liable to any
20 Person (except the FTC) for their acts or omissions or their good faith
21 compliance with their duties and responsibilities, except as a result of a
22 finding by this Court that they acted or failed to act as a result of
23 malfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or in reckless disregard of their
24 duties. Any person (except the FTC) seeking recovery from the Receiver
25 or any Retained Personnel for conduct in the course of the administration
26 of this estate must first obtain leave from this Court. This Court shall
27 retain jurisdiction over any action filed against the Receiver or any
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1 Retained Personnel based upon acts or omissions committed in their
2 representative capacities.

3 *Provided, however,* that this Order does not stay: (1) the commencement or
4 continuation of a criminal action or proceeding; (2) the commencement or
5 continuation of an action or proceeding by a governmental unit to enforce such
6 governmental unit's police or regulatory power; or (3) the enforcement of a
7 judgment, other than a money judgment, obtained in an action or proceeding by a
8 governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power.

9 **XIX. COMPENSATION OF RECEIVER**

10 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver and all personnel hired by
11 the Receiver as herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and
12 accountants, are entitled to reasonable compensation for the performance of duties
13 pursuant to this Order and for the cost of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by
14 them, from the Assets now held by, in the possession or control of, or which may
15 be received by, the Receivership Entities. The Receiver shall file with the Court
16 and serve on the parties periodic requests for the payment of such reasonable
17 compensation, with the first such request filed no more than sixty (60) days after
18 the date of entry of this Order. The Receiver shall not increase the hourly rates
19 used as the bases for such fee applications without prior approval of the Court.
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21 **XX. RECEIVER'S BOND**

22 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver is not required to file a
23 bond at this time.

24 **XXI. RECEIVER'S REPORTS**

25 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Receiver shall report to this Court
26 on or before any date set for a hearing on whether a Preliminary Injunction should
27 issue, regarding (1) the steps taken by the Receiver to implement the terms of this
28 Order; (2) the value of all liquidated and unliquidated assets of the Receivership

1 Entities; (3) the sum of all liabilities of the Receivership Entities; (4) the steps the
2 Receiver intends to take in the future to (a) prevent any diminution in the value of
3 assets of the Receivership Entities, (b) pursue receivership assets from third
4 parties, and (c) adjust the liabilities of the Receivership Entities, if appropriate; (5)
5 whether the business of the Receivership Entities can be operated lawfully and
6 profitably; and (6) any other matters that the Receiver believes should be brought
7 to the Court's attention. *Provided, however,* that if any of the required information
8 would hinder the Receiver's ability to pursue receivership assets, the portions of
9 the Receiver's report containing such information may be filed under seal and not
10 served on the parties.

11 **XXII. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER BY DEFENDANTS**

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants shall immediately provide a
13 copy of this Order to each affiliate, telemarketer, marketer, sales entity, successor,
14 assign, member, officer, director, employee, agent, independent contractor, client,
15 attorney, spouse, subsidiary, division, and representative of any Defendant, and
16 shall, within ten (10) days from the date of entry of this Order, provide the FTC
17 and the Receiver with a sworn statement that this provision of the Order has been
18 satisfied, which statement shall include the names, physical addresses, phone
19 number, and email addresses of each such person or entity who received a copy of
20 the Order. Furthermore, Defendants shall not take any action that would
21 encourage officers, agents, members, directors, employees, salespersons,
22 independent contractors, attorneys, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, assigns, or
23 other persons or entities in active concert or participation with them to disregard
24 this Order or believe that they are not bound by its provisions.

26 **XXIII. EXPEDITED DISCOVERY**

27 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, notwithstanding the provisions of the
28 Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(d) and (f) and 30(a)(2)(A)(iii), and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.

1 30(a), 33, 34, and 45, the FTC and the Receiver are granted leave, at any time after
2 service of this Order, to conduct limited expedited discovery for the purpose of
3 discovering: (1) the nature, location, status, and extent of Defendants' Assets; (2)
4 the nature, location, and extent of Defendants' business transactions and
5 operations; (3) Documents reflecting Defendants' business transactions and
6 operations; or (4) compliance with this Order. The limited expedited discovery set
7 forth in this Section shall proceed as follows:

8 A. The FTC and the Receiver may take the deposition of parties and non-
9 parties. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice shall be sufficient notice for such
10 depositions. The limitations and conditions set forth in Rules 30(a)(2)(A)
11 and 31(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure regarding
12 subsequent depositions of an individual shall not apply to depositions
13 taken pursuant to this Section. Any such deposition taken pursuant to
14 this Section shall not be counted towards the deposition limit set forth in
15 Rules 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A), and depositions may be taken by
16 telephone or other remote electronic means;

17 B. The FTC and the Receiver may serve upon parties requests for
18 production of Documents or inspection that require production or
19 inspection within five (5) days of service, *provided, however*, that three
20 (3) days of notice shall be deemed sufficient for the production of any
21 such Documents that are maintained or stored only in an electronic
22 format;

23 C. The FTC and the Receiver may serve upon parties interrogatories that
24 require response within five (5) days after the FTC serves such
25 interrogatories;

26 D. The FTC and the Receiver may serve subpoenas upon non-parties that
27 direct production or inspection within five (5) days of service;
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1 E. Service of discovery upon a party to this action, taken pursuant to this
2 Section, shall be sufficient if made by facsimile, email, or by overnight
3 delivery;

4 F. Any expedited discovery taken pursuant to this Section is in addition to,
5 and is not subject to, the limits on discovery set forth in the Federal Rules
6 of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court. The expedited
7 discovery permitted by this Section does not require a meeting or
8 conference of the parties, pursuant to Rules 26(d) & (f) of the Federal
9 Rules of Civil Procedure;

10 G. The Parties are exempted from making initial disclosures under Fed. R.
11 Civ. P. 26(a)(1) until further order of this Court.

12 **XXIV. SERVICE OF THIS ORDER**

13 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Order as well as the
14 Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and all other pleadings, Documents, and
15 exhibits filed contemporaneously with that Motion (other than the complaint and
16 summons), may be served by any means, including facsimile transmission,
17 electronic mail or other electronic messaging, personal or overnight delivery, U.S.
18 Mail or FedEx, by agents and employees of the FTC, by any law enforcement
19 agency, or by private process server, upon any Defendant or any person (including
20 any financial institution) that may have possession, custody, or control of any
21 Asset or Document of any Defendant, or that may be subject to any provision of
22 this Order pursuant to Rule 65(d)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. For
23 purposes of this Section, service upon any branch, subsidiary, affiliate or office of
24 any entity shall effect service upon the entire entity.

25 **XXV. CORRESPONDENCE AND SERVICE ON THE FTC**

26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, for the purpose of this Order, all
27 correspondence and service of pleadings on the FTC shall be addressed to Quinn
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1 Martin and Jason Sanders, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Mail Drop CC-10232,
2 Washington, D.C. 20580, email qmartin@ftc.gov and jsanders1@ftc.gov.

3 **XXVI. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that that this Court shall retain jurisdiction
5 of this matter for all purposes.

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7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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10 Dated: March 18, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. D. Vera', is written over a horizontal line.

11 Honorable Hernán D. Vera
12 United States District Judge
13 Central District of California
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